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R277.	Education, Administration.
R277	700. The Elementary and Secondary School General Core.
R277	700-1. Authority and Purpose.
	(1) This rule is authorized by:
	(a) [Article X, Section 3, of the Utah Constitution, which places general control and
super	vision of the public schools under the Board]Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3,
<u>which</u>	vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;
	(b) Section 53A-1-401, which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's
duties	and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law;
	([b]c) $S[ubs]$ ection 53A-1-402 $[(1)]$, which directs the Board to make rules regarding
comp	etency levels, graduation requirements, curriculum, and instruction requirements;
	([e] <u>d</u>) Section 53A-1-402.6, which directs:
	(i) the Board to establish Core Standards in consultation with LEA boards and
super	intendents; and
	(ii) [directs]LEA boards to adopt local curriculum and to design programs to help
stude	nts master the General Core;
	([d]e) Title 53A, Chapter 1, Part 12, Career and College Readiness Mathematics
Comp	etency, which directs the Board to establish college and career mathematics
comp	etency standards <u>; and</u>
	([e]f) Section 53A-13-109.5, which requires the Board to provide rules related to a
basic	civics test[; and
	(f) Section 53A-1-401, which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's
duties	and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law].
	(2) The purpose of this rule is to specify the minimum Core Standards and General
Core	requirements for the public schools, and to establish responsibility for mastery of
Core	Standard requirements.

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29	(1)(a) "Applied course" means a public school course or class that applies the
30	concepts of a Core subject.
31	(b) "Applied course" includes a course offered through Career and Technical
32	Education or through other areas of the curriculum.
33	(2) "Arts" means the visual arts, music, dance, theatre, and media arts.
34	([2]3) "Assessment" means a summative computer adaptive assessment for:
35	(a) English language arts grades 3 through 11;
36	(b) mathematics grades 3 through 8, and Secondary I, II, and III; or
37	(c) science grades 4 through 8, earth science, biology, physics and chemistry.
38	([3]4) "Career and Technical Education(CTE)" means an organized educational
39	program or course which directly or indirectly prepares students for employment, or for
40	additional preparation leading to employment, in an occupation, where entry requirements
41	generally do not require a baccalaureate or advanced degree.
42	([4]5) "Core Standard" means a statement of what a student enrolled in a public
43	school is expected to know and be able to do at a specific grade level or following
44	completion of an identified course.
45	([5]6) "Core subject" means a course for which there is a declared set of Core
46	Standards as approved by the Board.
47	([6]7) "Elementary school" for purposes of this rule means a school that serves
48	grades K-6 in whatever kind of school the grade levels exist.
49	([7]8) "General Core" means the courses, content, instructional elements, materials,
50	resources and pedagogy that are used to teach the Core Standards, including the ideas,
51	knowledge, practice and skills that support the Core Standards.
52	([8]9) "High school" for purposes of this rule means a school that serves grades 9-12
53	in whatever kind of school the grade levels exist.
54	([9]10) "LEA" or "local education agency" includes the Utah Schools for the Deaf
55	and the Blind.
56	([10]11) "Life Skills document" means a companion document to the Core

Standards that describes the knowledge, skills, and dispositions essential for all students;

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the life skills training helps students transfer academic learning into a comprehensive
education.
([11]12) "Middle school" for purposes of this rule means a school that serves grades
7-8 in whatever kind of school the grade levels exist.
([12]13) "Summative adaptive assessment" means an assessment that:
(a) is administered upon completion of instruction to assess a student's
achievement;
(b) is administered online under the direct supervision of a licensed educator;
(c) is designed to identify student achievement on the Core Standards for the
respective grade and course; and
(d) measures the full range of student ability by adapting to each student's
responses, selecting more difficult questions when a student answers correctly and less
difficult questions when a student answers incorrectly.
[(13) "World language" means the same as that term is defined in Section R277
<u>499-2.]</u>
R277-700-3. General Core and Core Standards.
(1) The Board establishes minimum course description standards for each course
in the required General Core.
(2)(a) The Superintendent shall develop, in cooperation with LEAs, course
descriptions for required and elective courses.
(b) The Superintendent shall provide parents and the general public an opportunity
to participate in the development process of the course descriptions described in
Subsection (2)(a).
(3)(a) The Superintendent shall ensure that the courses described in Subsection (2)
(i) contain mastery criteria for the courses; and
(ii) stress mastery of the course material. Core Standards, and life skills consisten

(b) The Superintendent shall place a greater emphasis on a student's mastery of

with the General Core and Life Skills document.

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86	course material rather than completion of predetermined time allotments for courses.
87	(4) An LEA board shall administer the General Core and comply with student
88	assessment procedures consistent with state law.
89	[(5) An LEA may modify a student's course or graduation requirements to achieve
90	an appropriate route to student success if the modification:
91	(a) is consistent with the student's Plan for College and Career Readiness;
92	(b) is maintained in the student's file;
93	(c) includes the parent's signature; and
94	(d) maintains the integrity and rigor expected for the course or high school
95	graduation, as determined by the Board.
96	(6)(a) A parent may request an LEA to modify their student's course or graduation
97	requirements.
98	(b) An LEA shall establish a policy describing the process for a parent to request a
99	modification described in Subsection (6)(a).
100	(c) An LEA's policy described in Subsection (6)(b) shall include a process for a
101	parent to appeal the LEA's denial of a parent's request for a modification described in
102	Subsection (6)(a) to the LEA board or the LEA board designee.]
103	R277-700-4. Elementary Education Requirements.
104	(1) The Core Standards and a General Core for elementary school students in
105	grades K-6 are described in this section.
106	(2) The following are the Elementary School Education Core Subject Requirements:
107	(a) English Language Arts;
108	(b) Mathematics;
109	(c) Science;
110	(d) Social Studies;
111	(e) Arts:
112	(i) Visual Arts;
113	(ii) Music;

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114	(iii) Dance; or
115	(iv) Theatre;
116	(f) Health Education;
117	(g) Physical Education;
118	(h) Educational Technology; and
119	(i) Library Media.
120	(3) An LEA board shall provide access to the General Core to all students within the
121	LEA.
122	(4) An LEA board is responsible for student mastery of the Core Standards.
123	(5) An LEA shall conduct informal assessments on a regular basis to ensure
124	continual student progress.
125	(6) An LEA shall use Board-approved summative adaptive assessments to assess
126	student mastery of the following:
127	(a) reading;
128	(b) language arts;
129	(c) mathematics;
130	(d) science; and
131	(e) effectiveness of written expression in grades five and eight.
132	(7) An LEA shall provide remediation to elementary students who do not achieve
133	mastery of the subjects described in this section.
134	R277-700-5. Middle School Education Requirements.
135	(1) The Core Standards and a General Core for middle school students are
136	described in this section.
137	(2) A student in grades 7-8 is required to [earn a minimum of 12 units of
138	credit]complete the courses described in Subsection (3) to be properly prepared for
139	instruction in grades 9-12.
140	[(3) In addition to the Board requirements described in this section, an LEA board
141	may require a student to complete additional units of credit.

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142	([4]3) The following are the Grades 7-8 General Core Requirements[and units of
143	credit]:
144	(a) Grade 7 Language Arts[(2.0 units of credit)];
145	(b) Grade 8 Language Arts;
146	([b] <u>c) Grade 7</u> Mathematics[-(2.0 units of credit)];
147	(d) Grade 8 Mathematics;
148	([c]e) Grade 7 Integrated Science[-(2.0 units of credit)];
149	(f) Grade 8 Integrated Science;
150	([d]g) [Social Studies (1.5 units of credit)]United States History;[-and]
151	(h) Utah History[:]; and
152	[(e) The Arts (1.0 units of credit from the following):
153	(i) Visual Arts;
154	(ii) Music;
155	(iii) Dance; or
156	(iv) Theatre.
157	(f) Physical Education (1.0 units of credit);]
158	(i) at least one course in each of the following in grades 7 or 8:
159	([g][i]A) Health Education[-(0.5 units of credit)];
160	([h][j]B) College and Career Awareness[-(1.0 units of credit)];[-and]
161	([i][k]C) [beginning no later than the 2018-2019 school year,]Digital Literacy[(0.5
162	units of credit).];[and
163	(I) at least one course in:]
164	([A]D) the Arts; and
165	([B]E) Physical Education.
166	[(4) An LEA board shall provide access to the General Core to all students within
167	the LEA.
168	(5) An LEA shall conduct informal assessments on a regular basis to ensure
169	continual student progress.
170	(6) An LEA shall provide remediation to middle school students who do not achieve

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171	mastery of the subjects described in Subsection (3).]
172	([5][7]4) An LEA shall use evidence-based best practices, technology, and other
173	instructional media in middle school curricula to increase the relevance and quality of
174	instruction.
175	([6][8]5) An LEA shall use Board-approved summative adaptive assessments to
176	assess student mastery of the following:
177	(a) reading;
178	(b) language arts;
179	(c) mathematics; and
180	(d) science[-in grades 7 and 8].
181	[(9) An LEA shall offer, by making the course available through the registration
182	process, the following courses aligned with Core Standards for students in grades 7 and
183	<u>8:</u>
184	(a) at least two of the following arts courses:
185	(i) Visual Arts;
186	(ii) Music;
187	(iii) Dance;
188	(iv) Theatre; or
189	(v) Media Arts;
190	(b) Physical Education;
191	(c) Health Education;
192	(d) College and Career Awareness; and
193	(e) beginning no later than the 2018-19 school year:
194	(i) Digital Literacy; and
195	(ii) at least one of the World Languages.
196	(10) An LEA may integrate one or more of the courses if the LEA ensures all Core
197	Standards from each course are taught in entirety.]
198	([11]6) At the discretion of the LEA board, an LEA board may:
199	(a) offer additional elective courses;

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200	(b) require a student to complete additional courses; or
201	(c) set minimum credit requirements.
202	(7) Upon parental or student request, an LEA may, with parental consent, substitute
203	a course requirement described in Subsection (3) with a course, extracurricular activity, or
204	experience that is:
205	(a) similar to the course requirement; or
206	(b) consistent with the student's plan for college and career readiness.
207	(8)(a) An LEA shall establish a policy governing the substitution of a course
208	requirement as described in Subsection (7).
209	(b) An LEA's policy described in Subsection (8)(a) shall include a process for a
210	parent to appeal an LEA's denial of a [parent's] request for a substitution described in
211	Subsection (7) to the LEA board or the LEA board designee.
212 213	R277-700-6. High School Requirements. (1) The General Core and Core Standards for students in grades 9-12 are
214	described in this section.
215	(2) A student in grades 9-12 is required to earn a minimum of 24 units of credit
216	through course completion or through competency assessment consistent with R277-705
217	to graduate.
218	(3) The General Core credit requirements from courses approved by the Board are
219	described in Subsections (4) through (18).
220	(4) Language Arts (4.0 units of credit from the following):
221	(a) Grade 9 level (1.0 unit of credit);
222	(b) Grade 10 level (1.0 unit of credit);
223	(c) Grade 11 level (1.0 unit of credit); and
224	(d) Grade 12 level (1.0 Unit of credit) consisting of applied or advanced language
225	arts credit from the list of Board-approved courses using the following criteria and
226	consistent with the student's [SEOP/]Plan for College and Career Readiness:
227	(i) courses are within the field/discipline of language arts with a significant portion

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of instruction aligned to language arts content, principles, knowledge, and skills;	
(ii) courses provide instruction that leads to student understanding of the nature and	
disposition of language arts;	
(iii) courses apply the fundamental concepts and skills of language arts;	
(iv) courses provide developmentally appropriate content; and	
(v) courses develop skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and presentation.	
(5) Mathematics (3.0 units of credit) shall be met minimally through successful	
completion of a combination of the foundation or foundation honors courses, Secondary	
Mathematics I, Secondary Mathematics II, and Secondary Mathematics III.	
(6)(a) A student may opt out of Secondary Mathematics III if the student's parent	
submits a written request to the school.	
(b) If a student's parent requests an opt out described in Subsection (6)(a), the	
student is required to complete a third math credit from the Board-approved mathematics	
list.	
(7) A 7th or 8th grade student may earn credit for a mathematics foundation course	
before 9th grade, consistent with the student's [SEOP/]Plan for College and Career	
Readiness if:	
(a) the student is identified as gifted in mathematics on at least two different	
[USOE]Board-approved assessments;	
(b) the student is dual enrolled at the middle school/junior high school and the high	
school;	
(c) the student qualifies for promotion one or two grade levels above the student's	
age group and is placed in 9th grade; or	
(d) the student takes the [USOE]Board competency test in the summer prior to 9th	
grade and earns high school graduation credit for the course.	
(8) A student who successfully completes a mathematics foundation course before	
9th grade is required to earn 3.0 units of additional mathematics credit by:	
(a) taking the other mathematics foundation courses described in Subsection (5);	

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257	(b) an additional course from the Board-approved mathematics list consistent with:
258	(i) the student's [SEOP/]Plan for College and Career Readiness; and
259	(ii) the following criteria:
260	(A) courses are within the field/discipline of mathematics with a significant portion
261	of instruction aligned to mathematics content, principles, knowledge, and skills;
262	(B) courses provide instruction that lead to student understanding of the nature and
263	disposition of mathematics;
264	(C) courses apply the fundamental concepts and skills of mathematics;
265	(D) courses provide developmentally appropriate content; and
266	(E) courses include the five process skills of mathematics: problem solving,
267	reasoning, communication, connections, and representation.
268	(9) A student who successfully completes a Calculus course with a "C" grade or
269	higher has completed mathematics graduation requirements, regardless of the number of
270	mathematics credits earned.
271	(10) Science (3.0 units of credit):
272	(a) shall be met minimally through successful completion of 2.0 units of credit from
273	two of the following five science foundation areas:
274	(i) Earth Science (1.0 units of credit);
275	(A) Earth Science;
276	(B) Advanced Placement Environmental Science; or
277	(C) International Baccalaureate Environmental Systems;
278	(ii) Biological Science (1.0 units of credit);
279	(A) Biology;
280	(B) Human Biology;
281	(C) Biology: Agricultural Science & Technology;
282	(D) Advanced Placement Biology;
283	(E) International Baccalaureate Biology; or
284	(F) Biology with Lab Concurrent Enrollment;
285	(iii) Chemistry (1.0 units of credit);

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286	(A) Chemistry;
287	(B) Advanced Placement Chemistry;
288	(C) International Baccalaureate Chemistry; or
289	(D) Chemistry with Lab Concurrent Enrollment;
290	(iv) Physics (1.0 units of credit);
291	(A) Physics;
292	(B) Physics with Technology;
293	(C) Advanced Placement Physics (1, 2, C: Electricity and Magnetism, or C:
294	Mechanics);
295	(D) International Baccalaureate Physics; or
296	(E) Physics with Lab Concurrent Enrollment; or
297	(v) Computer Science (1.0 units of credit):
298	(A) Advanced Placement Computer Science;
299	(B) Computer Science Principles; or
300	(C) Computer Programming II; and
301	(b) one additional unit of credit from:
302	(i) the foundation courses described in Subsection(10)(a); or
303	(ii) the applied or advanced science list:
304	(A) determined by the LEA board; and
305	(B) approved by the Board using the following criteria and consistent with the
306	student's [SEOP/]Plan for College and Career Readiness:
307	(i) courses are within the field/discipline of science with a significant portion of
308	instruction aligned to science content, principles, knowledge, and skills;
309	(ii) courses provide instruction that leads to student understanding of the nature and
310	disposition of science;
311	(iii) courses apply the fundamental concepts and skills of science;
312	(iv) courses provide developmentally appropriate content;
313	(v) courses include the areas of physical, natural, or applied sciences; and
314	(vi) courses develop students' skills in scientific inquiry.

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315	(11) Social Studies (3.0 units of credit) shall be met minimally through successful
316	completion of:
317	(a) 2.5 units of credit from the following courses:
318	(i) Geography for Life (0.5 units of credit);
319	(ii) World Civilizations (0.5 units of credit);
320	(iii) U.S. History (1.0 units of credit); and
321	(iv) U.S. Government and Citizenship (0.5 units of credit);
322	(b) Social Studies (0.5 units of credit per LEA discretion); and
323	(c) a basic civics test or alternate assessment described in R277-700-8.
324	(12) The Arts (1.5 units of credit from any of the following performance areas):
325	(a) Visual Arts;
326	(b) Music;
327	(c) Dance; or
328	(d) Theatre.
329	(13) Physical and Health Education (2.0 units of credit from any of the following):
330	(a) Health (0.5 units of credit);
331	(b) Participation Skills (0.5 units of credit);
332	(c) Fitness for Life (0.5 units of credit);
333	(d) Individualized Lifetime Activities (0.5 units of credit); or
334	(e) team sport/athletic participation (maximum of [0.5]1.0 units of credit with school
335	approval).
336	(14) Career and Technical Education (1.0 units of credit from any of the following):
337	(a) Agriculture;
338	(b) Business;
339	(c) Family and Consumer Sciences;
340	(d) Health Science and Technology;
341	(e) Information Technology;
342	(f) Marketing;
343	(g) Technology and Engineering Education; or

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344	(h) Trade and Technical Education.
345	(15) Digital Studies (0.5 units of credit).
346	(16)Library Media Skills (integrated into the subject areas).
347	(17) General Financial Literacy (0.5 units of credit).
348	(18) Electives (5.5 units of credit).
349	(19) An LEA shall use Board-approved summative adaptive assessments to assess
350	student mastery of the following subjects:
351	(a) reading;
352	(b) language arts through grade 11;
353	(c) mathematics as defined in Subsection (5); and
354	(d) science as defined in Subsection (10).
355	(20) An LEA board may require a student to earn credits for graduation that exceed
356	the minimum Board requirements described in this rule.
357	(21) An LEA board may establish and offer additional elective course offerings at
358	the discretion of the LEA board.
359	(22)(a) An LEA may modify a student's graduation requirements to meet the unique
360	educational needs of a student if:
361	(i) the student has a disability; and
362	(ii) the modifications to the student's graduation requirements are made through the
363	student's individual IEP.
364	(b) An LEA shall document the nature and extent of a modification, substitution, or
365	exemption made to a student's graduation requirements described in Subsection (22)(a)
366	in the student's IEP.
367	(23) The Board and Superintendent may review an LEA board's list of approved
368	courses for compliance with this rule.
369	(24) An LEA may modify graduation requirements for an individual student to
370	achieve an appropriate route to student success if the modification:
371	(a) is consistent with:
372	(i) the student's IEP; or

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373	(ii) SEOP/Plan for College and Career Readiness;
374	(b) is maintained in the student's file;
375	(c) includes the parent's signature; and
376	(d) maintains the integrity and rigor expected for high school graduation, as
377	determined by the Board.
378	R277-700-7. Student Mastery and Assessment of Core Standards.
379	(1) An LEA shall ensure students master the Core Standards at all levels.
380	(2) An LEA shall provide remediation for secondary students who do not achieve
381	mastery [under]in accordance with Section 53A-13-104.
382	(3) An LEA shall provide remedial assistance to students who are found to be
383	deficient in basic skills through a statewide assessment in accordance with[the provisions
384	of] Subsection 53A-1-606(1).
385	(4) If a parent objects to a portion of a course or to a course in its entirety under
386	[provisions of] Section 53A-13-101.2 and R277-105, the parent shall be responsible for the
387	student's mastery of Core Standards to the satisfaction of the school prior to the student's
388	promotion to the next course or grade level.
389	(5)(a) A student with a disability served by a special education program is required
390	to demonstrate mastery of the Core Standards.
391	(b) If a student's disability precludes the student from successfully mastering the
392	Core Standards, the student's IEP team, on a case-by-case basis, may provide the student
393	an accommodation for, or modify the mastery demonstration to accommodate, the
394	student's disability.
395	(6) A student may demonstrate competency to satisfy course requirements
396	consistent with R277-705-3.
397	(7) LEAs are ultimately responsible for and shall comply with all assessment
398	procedures, policies and ethics as described in R277-404.

R277-700-8. Civics Education Initiative.

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(1) For purposes of this section:
(a) "Student" means:
(i) a public school student who graduates on or after January 1, 2016; or
(ii) a student enrolled in an adult education program who receives an adult
education secondary diploma on or after January 1, 2016.
(b) "Basic civics test" means the same as that term is defined in Section
53A-13-109.5.
(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), an LEA shall:
(a) administer a basic civics test in accordance with the requirements of Section
53A-13-109.5; and
(b) require a student to pass the basic civics test as a condition of receiving:
(i) a high school diploma; or
(ii) an adult education secondary diploma.
(3) An LEA may require a student to pass an alternate assessment if:
(a)(i) the student has a disability; and
(ii) the alternate assessment is consistent with the student's IEP; or
(b) the student is within six months of intended graduation.
(4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the alternate assessment shall be given:
(a) in the same manner as an exam given to an unnaturalized citizen; and
(b) in accordance with 8 C.F.R. Sec. 312.2.
(5) An LEA may modify the manner of the administration of an alternate assessment
for a student with a disability in accordance with the student's IEP.
(6) If a student passes a basics civics test or an alternate assessment described in
this section, an LEA shall report to the Superintendent that the student passed the basic
civics test or alternate assessment.
(7) If a student who passes a basic civics test or an alternate assessment transfers
to another LEA, the LEA may not require the student to re-take the basic civics test or
alternate assessment.

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R277-700-9. College and Career Readiness Mathematics Competency.		
(1) For purposes of this section, "senior student with a special circumstance" means		
a student who:		
(a) is pursuing a college degree after graduation; and		
(b) has not met one of criteria described in Subsection (2)(a) before the beginning		
of the student's senior year of high school.		
(2) Except as provided in Subsection (4), in addition to the graduation requirements		
described in R277-700-6, beginning with the 2016-17 school year, a student pursuing a		
college degree after graduation shall:		
(a) receive one of the following:		
(i) a score of 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) calculus AB or BC exam;		
(ii) a score of 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) statistics exam;		
(iii) a score of 5 or higher on an International Baccalaureate (IB) higher level math		
exam;		
(iv) a score of 50 or higher on a College Level Exam Program (CLEP) pre-calculus		
or calculus exam;		
(v) a score of 26 or higher on the mathematics portion of the American College Test		
(ACT) exam;		
(vi) a score of 640 or higher on the mathematics portion of the Scholastic Aptitude		
Test (SAT) exam; or		
(vii) a "C" grade in a concurrent enrollment mathematics course that satisfies a state		
system of higher education quantitative literacy requirement; or		
(b) if the student is a senior student with a special circumstance, take a full year		
mathematics course during the student's senior year of high school.		
(3) Except as provided in Subsection (4), in addition to the graduation requirements		
described in R277-700-6, beginning with the 2016-17 school year, a non-college and		
degree-seeking student shall complete appropriate math competencies for the student's		
career goals as described in the student's [SEOP/] Plan for College and Career Readiness.		
(4) An LEA may modify a student's college or career readiness mathematics		

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457	competency requirement under this section if:
458	(a) the student has a disability; and
459	(b) the modification to the student's college or career readiness mathematics
460	competency requirement is made through the student's IEP.
461	(5)(a) [Beginning with the 2016-17 cohort, a]An LEA shall report annually to the
462	LEA's [governing] board the number of students within the LEA who:
463	(i) meet the criteria described in Subsection (2)(a);
464	(ii) take a full year of mathematics as described in Subsection (2)(b);
465	(iii) meet appropriate math competencies as established in the students' career
466	goals as described in Subsection (3); and
467	(iv) meet the college or career readiness mathematics competency requirement
468	established in the students' IEP as described in Subsection (4).
469	(b) An LEA shall provide the information described in Subsection (5)(a) to the
470	Superintendent by October 1 of each year.
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